

Remarks

A. Claims in the Case

Claims 2309-2316, 2318-2355, 2357-2385, and 5150-5173 are pending. Claims 2309-2316, 2319-2355, 2358-2385, and 5150-5173 have been allowed. Claims 2313-2315, 2318, 2352-2354, and 2357. Claims 2313-2315 and 2352-2354 have been amended to clarify the claims.

B. Request for Signed Forms PTO-1449

Applicant has not received a signed, initialed copy of PTO-Form 1449 including references T13-T54 (mailed August 4, 2003; postcard stamped received by the USPTO on August 6, 2003). Applicant has attached a copy the postcard and the PTO-Form 1449 for the Examiner's convenience. Applicant respectfully requests a signed, initialed copy of the unacknowledged Form PTO-1449.

C. 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 2318 and 2357 as being indefinite for failing particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Although Applicant disagrees that the claims were indefinite as presented, the claims have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejections.

D. Additional Remarks

Applicant believes that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in association with the filing of this and accompanying documents. If any extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the

appropriate extension of time. If any fees are required, please charge those fees to Meyertons,
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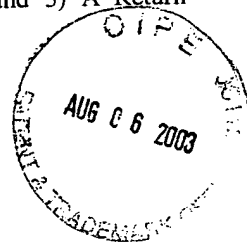
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The date stamp of the mail room of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office hereon will acknowledge receipt of the attached: 1) Information Disclosure Statement (1 page); 2) Form PTO-1449 listing references T13-T54 (2 pages) and accompanying references; and 3) A Return Postcard.

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